

Kathmandu -- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through its Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) has announced the release of an additional \$800,000 as relief funds to the recent flood victims at Sunsari and Saptari districts of Nepal.

The funds will assist the Government of Nepal in meeting the ongoing critical needs of the flood-affected. USAID/Nepal has authorized immediate additional release of \$800,000, which will be granted to the International Federation of the Red Cross/Nepal Red Cross Society (IFRC/NRCS), International Organization for Migration (IOM), and Save the Children (SC). This disaster assistance money will provide emergency shelter materials for the displaced living in camps, also for those who will eventually return to their homes, and for the host families who are sheltering the displaced.

Following the August 18 Koshi River embankment breach that led to displacement of 70,000 people, USAID/Nepal had earlier responded with immediate provisions of emergency non-food relief items and shelter materials worth \$121,100. The flood-victims have suffered significant livelihood, property and other losses and are now living in camps, collective centers, and with host families.

With the release of additional \$800,000, the total flood relief assistance from USAID/Nepal stands at \$921,100.